



Chesterfield County, Virginia



November 13, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

Allocation of additional spectrum for public safety agencies to leverage emerging technologies is critical to the fire service's role in homeland security. As endorsed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chesterfield Fire and Emergency Medical Services supports the proposal to allocate to public safety agencies, an additional 30 MHz of radio spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band to allow for development of a new nationwide public safety broadband network.

We believe that providing for a Public Safety Broadband Trust of radio spectrum for a nationwide, broadband network allocated to public safety agencies, will enhance our ability to provide emergency services to citizens in our and other jurisdictions. Utilizing emerging technology to facilitate the rapid and efficient transfer of incident specific data will improve our capabilities as first responders and ensure that our nation is properly protected.

On behalf of the first responders that make up Chesterfield Fire and EMS, I would ask that serious consideration be given to approving this proposal. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to give the public safety sector the tools needed to enhance our response capabilities.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Mauger, Chief
Chesterfield Fire and Emergency Medical Services
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